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MEMORANDUM FOR: EPS [redacted]
Attention: [redacted]
VIA: Chief, Liaison Division
FROM: [redacted]
Liaison Division
SUBJECT: HPSCI Request re Baltimore Sun Article

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1. OLL received a call from Dick Giza, HPSCI staff, regarding the attached Baltimore Sun article of 29 January, entitled "Contras Using Aircraft to Drop off U.S. Supplies."

2. Mr. Giza would like the Agency to comment on the validity of the article, and if there is any substance, the Committee would like to know whose aircraft was used.

3. Please respond as soon as possible.

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Attachment:
As stated

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IN THE WORLD

NICARAGUAN REBELS

'Contras' using aircraft to drop off U.S. supplies

Nicaraguan rebels, blocked from receiving U.S. humanitarian aid through Honduras, have been dropping U.S.-funded supplies along with privately acquired military equipment into camps in Honduras and Nicaragua from aircraft flying out of El Salvador, according to two U.S. officials in Honduras.

The officials said the aerial deliveries by planes leaving Ilopango airport outside San Salvador were temporary in order to circumvent the ban placed on shipments of the "humanitarian" aid by former Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova.

SOVIET UNION

Leaky pipelines blamed for huge loss of oil

Thousands of tons of Soviet oil are being lost every day because of leaks in broken pipelines, a Soviet newspaper said yesterday, highlighting further problems in the country's troubled industry.

Sozialisticheskaya Industriya (Socialist Industry) said rusting pipelines, rusting wells and other out-of-date equipment were the main cause of the oil sector's poor production over the past few years.

"The toilers in western Siberia are in complete confusion over the engineering and equipment there," the newspaper said. Most of the losses had come from the Samotlor region of western Siberia, which includes the country's largest field at Tyumen.

BRITAIN

Phone-booth encounter leads to proposal call

They met in a telephone booth, he proposed to her in it, and the phone company yesterday offered the couple the old-fashioned red booth as a wedding present.

Mark Robinson, 20, and Jeanette Hannon, 19, met by chance at the pay phone in the northeast England city of Middlesbrough in 1982.

"She was taking so long I had to knock on the window to hurry her up," Mr. Robinson said. The argument produced a romance, and when he was finally ready to propose marriage, he telephoned her from the same booth.

The couple plan to marry this year and want to put the booth in their garden as a memento.

INTELLIGENCE

FBI has no desire to handle defectors

FBI officials are not interested in supplanting the CIA as the primary handlers of foreign defectors, even though some White House aides think a shift could remedy some blunders that surfaced in the Vitaly Yurchenko affair.

"It's a bucket of worms," said one Justice official describing the task of handling and resettling defecting officials, most of whom come from communist countries and who may not speak fluent English but need new jobs, homes and, sometimes, new identities.

Justice officials say such a



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No job too high

Znojmo, Czechoslovakia, couldn't afford scaffolding for its clock tower, so it hired the Prague Alpine Club to fix it.

change could re-ignite old rivalries between the CIA and the FBI that have been largely been put aside in recent years.

They add that the FBI, like every other federal agency, is not looking for extra work at a time when it faces budget cuts imposed by the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law.

From Wire Reports

Opponents s

By Stephens Broening
Washington Bureau of The Sun

WASHINGTON — Opponents of immediate U.S. aid to Jonas Savimbi, the anti-communist guerrilla leader in Angola, appeared yesterday to have won a heated debate within

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